



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 64**

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House Bill No. 5077

*House of Representatives, March 16, 2017*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PHARMACIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2 Consumer Protection, with the advice and assistance of the  
3 Commission of Pharmacy, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
4 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to allow  
5 pharmacies licensed pursuant to chapter 400j of the general statutes to  
6 accept and dispose of unused prescription drugs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**GL** Joint Favorable

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact because the Department of Consumer Protection is sufficiently knowledgeable about pharmacy operations to draft regulations that allow pharmacies to accept and dispose of unused prescription drugs. The department also currently monitors pharmacies for diversion of prescription drugs.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5077*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PHARMACIES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the consumer protection commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the Commission on Pharmacy, to adopt regulations to allow licensed pharmacies to accept and dispose of unused prescription drugs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Drug Disposal Programs***

Pursuant to the federal Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amended the Controlled Substances Act, the Drug Enforcement Agency promulgated rules on the disposal of controlled substances. Under these rules, states may, among other things, allow retail pharmacies to voluntarily administer prescription drug mail-back programs and maintain collection receptacles (21 CFR § 1300, et seq.).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/07/2017)